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Subject: Deliberations of Working Party Studying Possibility of Improved American-British Cooperation in Near East re Economic Betterment.

Reference is made to Embassy's A - 1458 June 27, subject "British Foreign Office Formuh ting Over-all British Economic Policy Statement for Middle East".

D.A. Greenhill was asked July 29 re progress of his "Working Party" set up to study the possibility of increasing American-British coope ration in connection with the economic betterment of the Near East. He replied that the Committee had had two meetings - the most recent one on July 29.

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According to Greenhill these meetings of the Working Party had brought to light two schools of thought:

1. One felt that it was essential that there be a formal American-British organization which would divide responsibility for the problems of the area between the two countries thus avoiding conflicts and preventing duplication. The proponents of this view were largely British officials who had served in the Near East.

2. The contrary view which is in the ascendant is the view set forth in Emb's airgram under reference.

Greenhill said that he himself was coming around more and more to think that American-British cooperation in the area depends "more on a state of mind than anything else". He thought that if both Governments were able to inculcate the proper state of mind, most problems could be worked out on the spot.

Greenhill promised to advise Embassy when Working Party decides on its report.

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